

BALD HILL TIMBER SALE

November 19, 2007 Land Board

Location of Sale:

- Kalispell Unit (NWLO) – Approximately 10 air miles south of Marion, Montana.
- Flathead County – Section 36 T26N, R24W.
- Trust Distribution - 100% Common School.
- The proposed sale is within the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI).

Sale Volume & Estimated Value:

- The estimated volume is 18,465 tons (2,097 MBF) with an estimated minimum value of \$393,300.00 or \$20.00/ton.
- In addition to the estimated stumpage value, a fee of \$3.10/ton for Forest Improvement will be charged for all merchantable sawlog timber harvested.
- 8.80 tons/MBF is the conversion factor.

Sale & Harvest Treatments:

- The sale consists of 1 harvest unit totaling 461 acres.
- The silvicultural prescription for this sale consists of a modified shelterwood treatment with some small areas within the harvest unit receiving a commercial thin. These harvest prescriptions focus on removing insect infected and diseased trees. Healthy western larch, Douglas-fir, and ponderosa pine would be retained within the harvest unit. Post-harvest regeneration efforts including mechanical scarification and piling, burning, and planting of seedlings would promote the establishment of ponderosa pine and western larch.
- No old growth would be harvested.

Harvest Systems:

- 100% tractor

Roads:

- No new permanent road construction is required. Approximately 8.75 miles of existing roads would be maintained and/or re-constructed to meet BMP's and provide access to the harvest unit. All roads that were previously closed would remain closed following harvest to limit illegal motorized use, promote wildlife security, limit the spread of noxious weeds, and to limit illegal harvesting of wood products. Current open roads would remain open.

Public Involvement:

- Public scoping for the Bald Hill Timber Sale Project was initiated in October, 2006 with a letter to known interested parties and by placing notices in the Kalispell *Daily Interlake* newspaper. Letters were sent to adjacent landowners and also to special interest groups. The public, DNRC specialists and specialists from other agencies helped identify issues. One public comment was received from Stoltze Lumber. This comment supported the project. The Final EA was completed and mailed on August 28, 2007. The main issues identified by internal review were wildlife related.

Public Comments, Issues and Mitigations:

- **Wildlife** – Issues included hiding cover, suitable post harvest habitat, access, and road closures. These would be addressed by limiting sight distances to provide shelter to big game, retaining a minimum of 40% crown cover for Fishers along streams, and favoring ponderosa pine and western larch as leave trees as these species are preferred by Flammulated Owls and Pileated Woodpeckers. Also incorporate road obliteration and closures into the sale design and contract requirements. All current road restrictions would remain unchanged. Hunter access would not change.

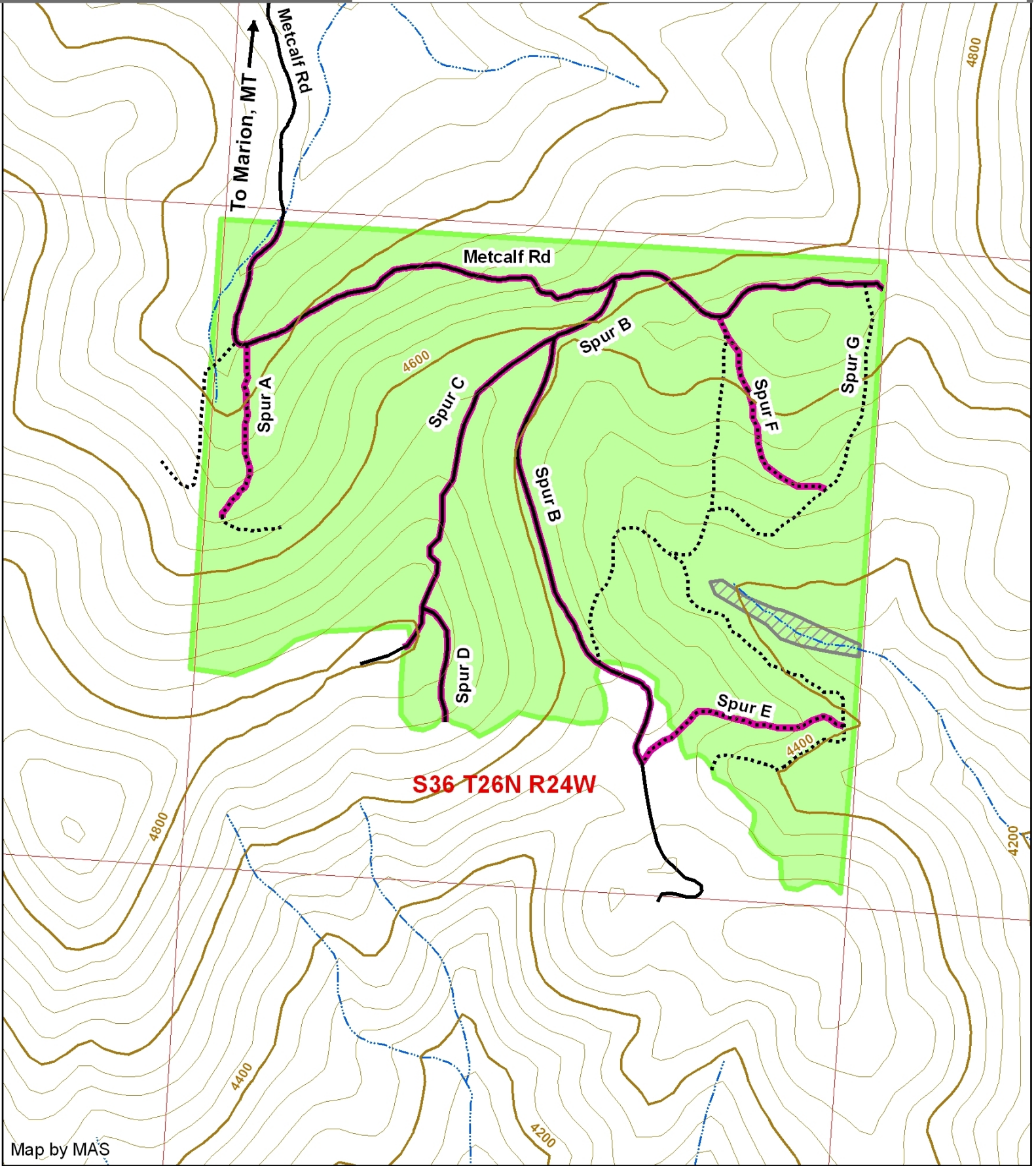
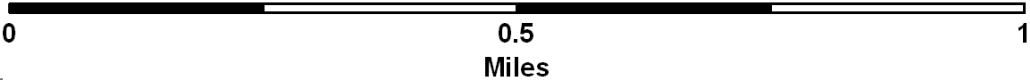
The Director recommends the Land Board direct the Department to sell the Bald Hill Timber Sale.

Bald Hill Cutting Unit Map
461 Acres
Kalispell Unit
T26N - R24W-Sec 36

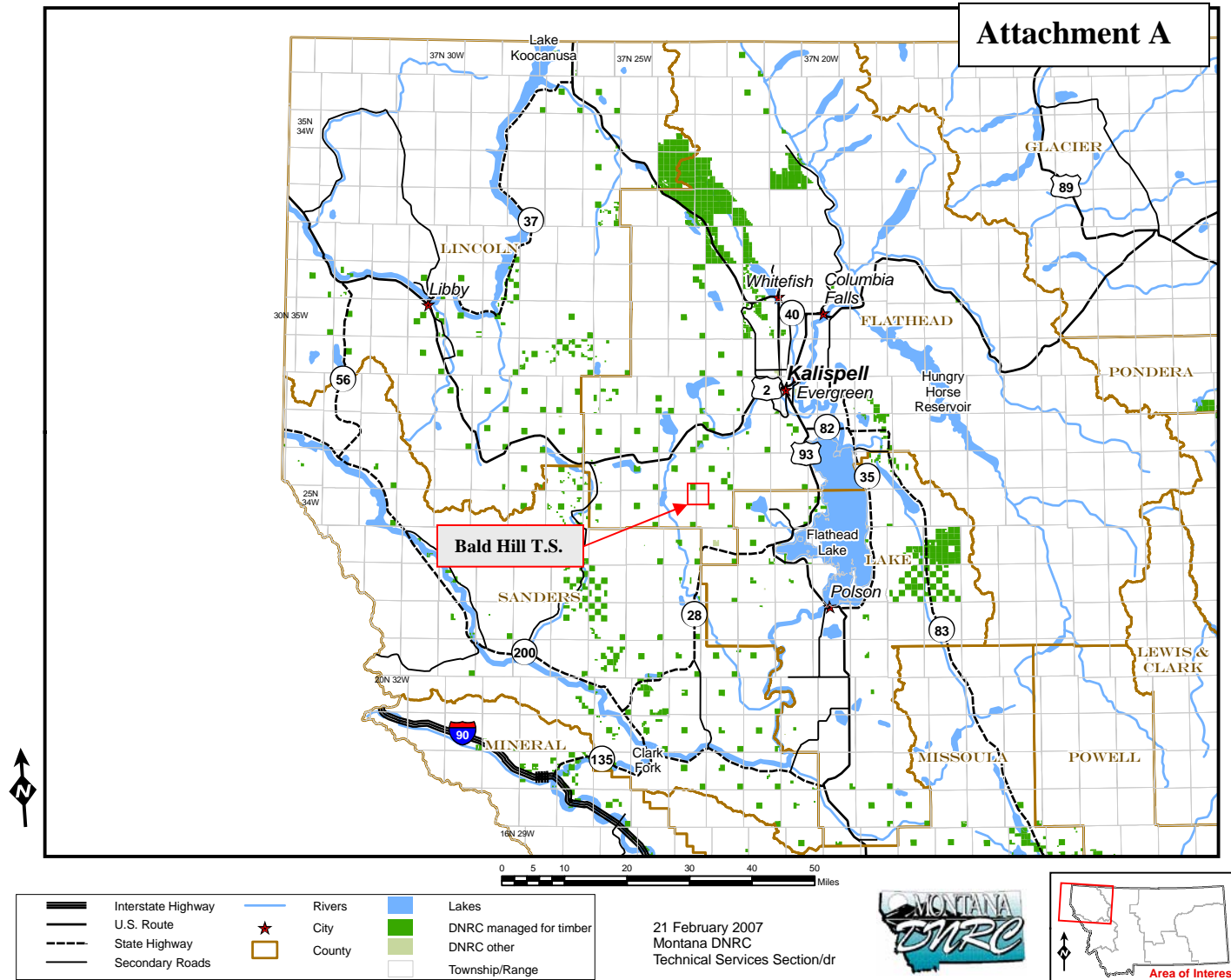


- 40-ft Contour Line
- Closed Road
- Open Road
- Haul Route
- Streams
- Sections
- SMZ
- Harvest Unit

Attachment A



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| | Interstate Highway | | Rivers | | Lakes |
| | U.S. Route | | City | | DNRC managed for timber |
| | State Highway | | County | | DNRC other |
| | Secondary Roads | | Township/Range | | |

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